

Porter Meeting House
Porter, Maine

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"PORTER MEETING HOUSE"

Porter, Oxford County, Maine

Owner

Town of Porter

Date of Erection

1819

Present Condition

The old pulpit has been removed from the meeting house but is still in existence. A chimney has been built. The roof has been covered with metal roofing.

Description

Two and one half story frame building with gable roof, ridge of roof perpendicular to the road. Building set on a granite foundation. Two entrances. At the rear of the building behind the former location of the pulpit, is an arched window. The exterior walls of the meeting house are clapboarded. Entrances are quite severe with head lights over the doors.

Interior walls are plastered. The interior woodwork is of pine and has never been painted or varnished. The pews are panelled, enclosed about two thirds of their height, the higher section being open. These box pews have seats on three sides. The balcony is supported by squared pine girders. The enclosed balcony rail is of unpainted pine, panelled.

Other Existing Records

Newspaper Article published in the Portland Sunday Telegram and Sunday Press Herald, Portland, Maine May 30, 1957.

Additional Data

This meeting house was built high in the hills of Porter in 1819 but was not dedicated until 1828. It was built by the "Bullockites" as the followers of Elder Jeremiah Bullock, Baptist preacher, called themselves. The building is opened for services only once a year.

The builders of the church gave a note for the building and applied the sale of their lumber to it. In 1824 the town raised \$400 with^{which} to finish the church and for many years it was used as a town house as well as a church.

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